Why do Christian's call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'

L.O. To understand what the texts about Jesus' journey into Jerusalem and his death and resurrection might mean



Today we are looking at Jesus's journey into Jerusalem.

This marks the beginning of what is often referred to as the "Passion Week".

Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem took place on Sunday. By the following Sunday Jesus will have been crucified, buried and risen.



Please watch the following clip
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE

Your first task is to arrange the cards in the sorting card exercise into the correct order and underneath write what is happening.

The story on the next slide will help you to do this ☺

The Story:

Jesus and his disciples travelled to the city of Jerusalem. As they travelled they saw lots and lots of people. It seemed like everyone wanted to go to Jerusalem. All of the Jews wanted to go there for the special Passover celebrations.

When Jesus and his friends came to a village just outside of Jerusalem, Jesus stopped to talk to them. He asked two of the disciples to do a special job.

"Go into the village," Jesus instructed, "and you will see a donkey and its colt." (A colt is a young donkey). "Bring them to me. If anyone says anything or tries to stop you then just say: 'the Lord needs it'. When you say that no one will try to stop you."

The two disciples went into the village and guess what they saw? There was a donkey and its colt just as Jesus said. They untied the donkeys and began to walk away. Some people were standing nearby and they called out, "Hey, what are you doing with that colt?"

The disciples said just what Jesus said to say, "The Lord needs them." When they said that the people let them go. It was just like Jesus said it would be.

When the disciples arrived back to the place where Jesus was they put their cloaks on top of the colt and Jesus began to ride into Jerusalem. This was very important because many years ago one of the prophets said that the King would come riding on a donkey.

Many people had heard about Jesus. They knew he had taught great things and that he had performed many miracles. He had made sick people well and made blind people see again. He even made a dead person come back to life.

The people began to do things like they do when a King rides in a parade. They shouted praises to Jesus as he passed by. They said very good things about him and shouted out how good he was. They shouted "Hosanna to the son of David!" and "Blessed is the King!"

Some of the people threw down their cloaks so that the feet of Jesus' donkey didn't even have to touch the dirty road. Some of the people picked up palm branches and waved them. They waved the branches and continued to shout praises. They treated Jesus like a King. People were shouting and smiling. It was like a big parade. Everyone was so happy.

Let's take a moment and think…



- What do you think you would have done if you had been there?
- Do you think you would wave the branches and shout good things to Jesus?
- What good things would you say about Jesus?
- How do you think Mary, Jesus's Mother felt?

All about Palm Sunday



- The day when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem
- People waved palm leaves and lay them in Jesus' path
- Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week for Christians. This is the week leading up to Easter
- Often, on Palm Sunday, churches give people a cross made from a single palm leaf
- Many churches have a procession in or around the church while people sing songs of praise and wave palm leaves
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jtDqKkdS1M
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96pcmyyHaZk&list=PLvEb8AA7B8J-Bphuko613MjErWi8XCnmA
- This helps them to imagine what it was like for Jesus and the people in Jerusalem

Your final task is to take this true or false quiz

1. As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent four disciples". Matthew 21:1
2. "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find an elephant tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me". Matthew 21:2
3. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them, and immediately he will send them" Matthew 21:3
4. Tell the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your Prince comes to you, gentle and riding on a camel, and on colt, the foal of a donkey" Matthew 21:5

5. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them" Matthew 21:7
6. And a very small crowd spread their shoes on the road, others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8
7. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9
8. The crowds said, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.'" Matthew 21:11

Answers to the quiz – 1. false, 2. false, 3. true, 4. false, 5. true, 6. false, 7. true, 8. true)

Please pop your card sorting timeline story on Seesaw. We would love to see them.

You may like to try one of these Palm Sunday crafts/activities

- https://sermons4kids.com/palm_sunday_mk_11_wordsearch.htm
- https://sermons4kids.com/triumphal_entry_colorpg.htm
- https://www.dltk-kids.com/bible/crafts/mpalm.htm
- https://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mpaperdonkey.htm
- https://www.catholicicing.com/?s=palm+sunday

(I particularly like the cupcake Palm Sunday idea on the last website ☺)